



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8732

Charles D. CARR

Appln. No.: 10/813,161

Group Art Unit: 2974

Confirmation No.: 4465

Examiner: James D. STEIN

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For: ETCHED PLATE ALIGNMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An optical alignment apparatus, comprising:
a base plate,
a rotatable plate rotatably mountable on the base plate; and
a sliding plate slideably mountable on the base plate; and
wherein said sliding plate and said rotatable plate include surfaces for mounting optical components thereon, and each of the base plate, said sliding plate and said rotatable plate include features manufactured to the same tolerance by being simultaneously chemically etched by the